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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Allowable Subject Matter/Nonelected Claims

Change of Examiner

1. Note the change of Examiner in the present application. The Art Unit number (1624) remains the same.

Restriction/Election

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claim 13 to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on December 5, 2003. The twenty-way restriction requirement in the Office action of November 5, 2003 is herein modified to a two-way restriction between:

- I. Claims 1-12 and 14-19, drawn to final products and uses thereof, classified in class 504, subclass 221.

- II. Claim 13, drawn to intermediates, classified in class 56, subclass 11.

3. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because they are related as mutually exclusive species in an intermediate-final product relationship. The two groups are structurally and functionally diverse and patentable distinct one from the other.

4. In view of the election of a final product species in the response of April 22, 2004, Group I above is held to be elected.

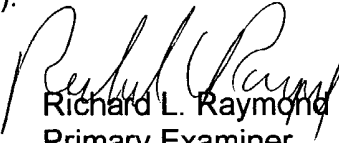
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action (37 CFR 1.144). Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard L. Raymond whose telephone number is (571) 272-0673. The examiner can normally be reached on maxi-flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on (571) 272-0674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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